

## SUMMER WATER TAXI EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

**AUTHORIZATION:** Established by Resolution No. 2009-25, adopted on May 12, 2009.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Committee shall consist of eight (8) private citizens; the nomination to be confirmed by the City Council. Committee members shall be appointed by the Mayor from applications received and/or recommendations provided by the Economic Development Committee, Harbor Commission, Conference and Visitors Bureau, Chambers of Commerce, Restaurant Association, other groups with an interest in maritime affairs in Newport Beach. The Committee shall include two (2) members of the Economic Development Committee, two (2) members of the Harbor Commission, two (2) local maritime business representatives, one (1) representative from the Conference and Visitors Bureau, and one (1) representative from the Restaurant Association. The Economic Development Division or the City Manager's Office shall provide staff assistance, including the preparation of minutes, agendas and reports. The Committee shall have a Chairman, to be appointed by the Mayor.

**MISSION:** The Committee's mission is to fulfill a portion of Objective 4.5 of the City of Newport Beach's Strategic Plan for Fiscal and Economic Sustainability by exploring the viability of a summer water taxi service.

**PURPOSE & RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the City Council on policies, projects and programs that will achieve the Committee's mission, including Council efforts to:

A. Create a tourism map for Newport Harbor to serve as both a water tourism guide for visiting boat owners/renters and as the basis for designing a "water taxi route".

- B. Research successful small-harbor, summer-only private or public/private water transportation services that may be suitable models for a service in Newport Beach;
- C. Prepare and submit to the City council a feasibility report assessing the viability of a summer water taxi program and, if feasible, providing strategies, funding sources and possible methods of implementation.

**TERMINATION:**

This Committee shall terminate on May 12, 2010.